

SENATE BILL REPORT

ESB 6396

As Passed Senate, February 26, 2002

Title: An act relating to the capital budget.

Brief Description: Adopting a supplemental capital budget.

Sponsors: Senators Fairley and Zarelli; by request of Governor Locke.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 2/20/02, 2/21/02 [DPS].

Passed Senate: 2/26/02, 47-2.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6396 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Brown, Chair; Regala, Vice Chair; Fairley, Vice Chair; Fraser, Hewitt, Honeyford, Kohl-Welles, Long, Rasmussen, Rossi, Sheahan, B. Sheldon, Snyder, Spanel, Thibaudeau, Winsley and Zarelli.

Staff: David Schumacher (786-7474)

Background: Washington State is on a biennial budget cycle. The Legislature authorizes expenditures for capital needs in the capital budget for a two-year period, and authorizes bond sales through passage of a Bond Bill associated with the capital budget.

The current capital budget covers the period from July 1, 2001, through June 30, 2003.

Summary of Bill: Supplemental appropriations are made for the 2001-2003 biennium.

Appropriation: Various.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: Including state parks in this package is a great way to invest in rural Washington. The Columbia River dredging project will provide the largest economic stimulus in the entire bill. Communities all along the Columbia River will benefit. The community colleges will now be able to work through some of their building repair backlog.

Concerns: The four-year universities should not be overlooked in this supplemental budget. The Sierra Club testified in favor of the budget but against the dredging project.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Ann Anderson, Central Washington University; Willy O’Neil, AGC of Wash; Mike Ryherd, WWRC, Puget Sound Learning Center; Grant Fredricks, GA; Craig Engelking, Sierra Club (pro); Ric Abbett, Trout Unlimited; Laurie Lippold, Seth Dawson; Lane Rawlins, Washington State University (pro); Charlie Brown, King County School Coalition (pro); Jim King, Citizens for Parks & Recreation (pro); Rick Wickman, Ports of Vancouver, Longview, Kalama, Woodland (pro); Mark Brown, City of Vancouver (pro); Earl Hale, Com & Tech Colleges (pro); Karen Morse, WWU (concerns); Stephen Jordan, EWU (concerns); Ann Daley, TESC (pro); Sarajane Siegfriedt, Assn. of Alcoholism & Addiction Programs (concerns).